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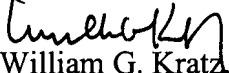
REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are being prosecuted herein, of which claims 1 and 3 have been amended. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to further clarify the present invention. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification at page 2, paragraph [0003]. The Claims are believed to remain patentable and early allowance is respectfully requested.

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